



Lowell City Council

Zoning SC Meeting Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: November 13, 2018
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Milinazzo, C. Nuon and C. Kennedy. Also present were Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services), Gary Gordon (Asst. City Solicitor), C. Elliott, M. Samaras, C. Conway, C. Mercier, Supt. Richardson (LPD), Chief Winward (LFD), Manager Donoghue, C. Cirillo and C. Leahy.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Milinazzo called the meeting to order at 5:30PM in the Council Chamber noting attendance of various groups as well as prior meetings.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Milinazzo commented on current draft of the ordinance and the process to date. Mr. Slagle commented on the amendments and the prior drafts noting that this draft deals with enforcement and does not change any definitions in the ordinance. Mr. Slagle noted this was a pathway for landlords to rent to specific groups and that the more tenants in the building would trigger more responsibility on the landlords regarding fire prevention and parking.

C. Milinazzo opened meeting up to public and the following addressed the body; Deb Forgione, John Hamblet, Ann Marie Page, Rose Ann, Will Sprague, Roy Barrows and Mark Guzzi. C. Milinazzo questioned definitions in the Code. Mr. Slagle noted that three unrelated persons have been part of the code for decades. C. Kennedy questioned history of current draft. Mr. Slagle noted that suggestions from subcommittee and Council were used to incorporate changes. C. Milinazzo questioned enforcement policy with the draft. Mr. Slagle noted challenges with enforcement. Chief Winward noted fire responses and inspections per his department. C. Nuon questioned if there were meetings with the landlord group. Mr. Slagle noted meeting with group incorporated with neighborhood concerns. C. Cirillo questioned times when inspections are being performed. Mr. Slagle noted that inspections are done



during City Hall business hours. C. Cirillo questioned if inspection times could be altered. Chief Winward noted that his department will report any code violations to the appropriate department. C. Kennedy noted that the character of the neighborhood must be protected and that any proposal needs enforcement. C. Kennedy noted the need for constructive conversation so that issue does not take on a life of its own. **Motion** by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Nuon to delete Item B (1) from the November draft ordinance. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. C. Elliott noted that further meetings between the parties should take place and that City should facilitate that. Mr. Slagle noted he could continue to meet with the groups.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Nuon. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM

Michael Geary, City Clerk